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on  
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I. Responsibilities

The Procurement Subcommittee was established by the Advisory Committee on Foreign Language Publications under the provisions of NSCID-16, 7 March 1953. The specific responsibility of the Procurement Subcommittee is to insure, for the Director of Central Intelligence, the "coordination of the procurement of foreign language publications, it being understood that captured documents are excepted from this provision". (NSCID-16, par. 1)

II. Activities

As much of the work of coordination involves bilateral arrangements between the Chairman and individual agencies and does not concern all agencies represented, the practice was followed of calling general meetings only when some item required discussion or action by all members. Thus only five committee meetings were held during the year.

Seven documents were prepared during the year and presented to the committee for discussion.

- PSC-D-4: Union Catalog of Soviet Monographs Available to the IAC Agencies
- PSC-D-5: Domestic Collection of Foreign Publications
- PSC-D-6: Collection Requirements
- PSC-D-7: Draft of a Foreign Service Manual on Publications Procurement
- PSC-D-8: The Publications Procurement Operation in London
- PSC-D-9: The Present Situation Regarding the Procurement of USSR Serial Publications in View of Export Restrictions
- PSC-D-10: Publications Procurement in the Far East

In addition to the above listed documents a paper entitled "Procurement of Chinese Publications" was prepared for the Advisory Committee and published as FLP-D-5.

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In order to provide detailed guidance to collectors, two collection guides representing gaps in Washington area holdings were prepared, one for Chinese Communist newspapers and one for Chinese Communist periodicals. These collection guides were disseminated by Committee members to field collection facilities of Army, Navy, Air, CIA, and State.

In preparation for similar collection guides on the USSR, a project was initiated to determine holdings of such periodicals and newspapers in the Washington area. CIA compiled a preliminary checklist of all USSR titles known to be of intelligence interest and furnished copies to all IAC agencies, NSA, and the Library of Congress, for checking. As soon as the results can be compiled, it will be possible to identify gaps and prepare collection requirements to fill them.

In order to provide notification to the community of foreign publications received in Washington, CIA publishes the following lists:

Russian Book List - a monthly list of monographs received from Foreign Service posts.

Recent Additions - a monthly annotated list of selected foreign publications from all sources.

In October and November 1954, the Chairman and a member of his staff conducted a survey of publications procurement by means of a field trip to Tokyo, Seoul, Hong Kong, and Saigon. The results are reported in PSC-D-10, cited above. In an effort to insure coordination in the field, informal procurement committees representing IAC agencies were established in Tokyo and in Hong Kong.

### III. Objectives for 1955

- A. Complete the Union List of USSR Serial Publications and prepare collection guides.
- B. Recommend improvements and expansion of procurement facilities in the field.
- C. Continue efforts to coordinate requirements in Washington and collection in the field.

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